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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 11, 2008

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed June 9, 2008, applicants respond to the final rejection of January 8, 2008 and the Advisory Action of June 3, 2008 as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Attached to the Response is a letter by Professor Sergio Pimpinelli of the University of Rome